

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: Fiscal Review Committee Staff

DATE: February 8, 1995

SUBJECT: **SJR 0009**

This resolution, if adopted, will amend the Tennessee Constitution to allow the people to reserve the initiative power to propose laws and enact or reject them at an election independent of the general assembly.

The resolution requires the amendment to be referred to the 100th General Assembly and the resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State six months prior to the November, 1996 general election in at least one daily newspaper of general circulation in each of the cities of Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and the Tri-Cities area.

The fiscal impact from adoption of this resolution is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$3,000 to publish notices in the newspapers in each city.

Further, adoption of the resolution will result in an increase in local government expenditures* due to increased costs to county election commissions which will be required to allocate personnel hours for processing signatures of voters on all petitions proposing initiatives. The

increase in expenditures cannot be reasonably determined but can reasonably be estimated not to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Fiscal Review Committee Staff

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*